

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-77 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-58 were previously allowed in the parent application (which will be abandoned in favor of this application) and are presented herein without amendment.

New Claims 59-78 are presented herein for consideration.

New independent Claims 59, 67 and 71 recite a perpendicular recording system and contain the limitations of allowed Claims 1, 10, and 14, respectively. Therefore, Applicants believe that new independent Claims 59, 67 and 71 are also allowable. The remaining claims 60-66, 68-70 and 72-77 are either directly or indirectly dependent on independent Claims 59, 67 and 71 and are allowable for the same reasons. Prompt and favorable consideration of Claims 59-78 is respectfully requested.

**ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims 1-58 were previously allowed in the parent application, which will be abandoned in favor of the present application. Claims 1-58 are presented herein without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 3, 2003

By: Michael D. Wiggins  
Michael D. Wiggins  
Reg. No. 34,754

MARVELL SEMICONDUCTOR, INC.  
700 FIRST AVENUE, MAIL STOP 509  
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089  
408-222-2500